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1. Former German airforce turbo-jet airplane engines are being repaired and tested at the Poldina Hut Works at Chomutov (N51/F 02), a subsidiary of the United Steel Works, National Corporation (Spojene Ocelarny, narodni podnik), which has its main offices at Prague II, trida Jana Opletala 55. Formerly used exclusively for metal extraction, the plant was converted in June 1949 to the repair of turbo-jet engines.
2. The finished engines are to go into new type fighter aircraft which are already being tested at the Letov Works, Prague-Letnany (051/L 89). Most of the engines, however, are shipped directly to the Soviet union.
3. Ninety to one hundred engines per month are being repaired in Department A (Workshop II). Many of these do not pass the final tests because of deficiencies in the mountings. A lack of special parts causes these faults. Source claims that the finished engines are not so efficient as American or British made jet engines.
4. Chief engineer is a Russian (fnu) Pavlov, who stays aloof from the workers and once a month is visited by high ranking officers, aeronautical specialists, who supervise the overall production. Another foreigner in the plant is Willy Mayer, a specialist from Berlin, who is trying to increase the output to ten engines a day.
5. The plant is guarded by civilian agents, the workers' militia, and by officers of the OBZ. Some ~~new~~ men from Prague, responsible for the orderliness of production, are also in attendance.
6. About 450 engines of the Junkers-Jumo type are stored in a closely guarded warehouse in Chomutov. Originally they were in a brick kiln near Chomutov, part of the war material captured from the Germans by the Russians. The Russians showed no interest in them until March 1947 when they moved them to the present storehouse in the Mannesmann Works in Chomutov. It is probable that all the

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7. Department B (Workshop I) produces springs for tanks and armored vehicles. These springs are of various lengths and are made from the finest steel that can be obtained.
8. Manager of the entire Poldina Hut is Mr. (fnu) Weitner, an opportunist and an ardent Communist. (Fnu) Soustek, chairman of the Workers' Council, is a dangerous Communist who sends workers to forced labor camps if they come late to work or if they refuse "voluntary" service in brigade work.
9. The entire plant, operating in two shifts, employs about 1,500 men, the majority of whom work in workshops I and II. Sixty percent of those employed in the workshops have been assigned to Workshop II, the other forty percent have been assigned to Workshop I.

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